In Loving Memory of

Virginia Askew

Saturday, March 18, 2000

Wake: 10:00 A.M. Funeral: 11:00 A.M.

Corbin Colonial Funeral Chapel Ltd.

5345 West Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois 60644

Reverend Barnes, Officiating

Obituary

VIRGINIA ASKEW, Tree of Life on February 8, 1924 through the union of Ben Washington and Lillian Ryan Washington in Sledge, Mississippi.

"Aunt Verge," we all called her by this name, she branched out in this world, her eyes wide open.

She confessed to God at an early age in Mississippi and continued her faith in God here in Chicago for over forty years. Her Pastor, the Reverend Willie Bond of Greater Jasper Stone.

With her eyes open she met and married Andrew Askew (who preceded her in death) in Mississippi on September 13, 1940. Of this union, her tree branched out eight children, four who preceded her in death, Patricia, Jessie, Charles and Andrew Jr., Shirley, Vera, Elizabeth and Leonard Askew are fruits of her tree.

Aunt Verge became the matriarch of our family, after her sisters and brothers preceded her in death, Rosie Henderson, Pearlie Ford, Lillie, Randolph, Ben, Roosevelt, Sylvester Washington and Issac Washington is still missing.

She went to rest in God's hands at 0600 hours, her branch was picked on March 15, 2000 for eternal life.

Aunt Verge has twenty-seven grandchildren; twenty-eight great grandchildren; three great, great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews who loves her with all their hearts.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE . . . . . .

PROCESSIONAL . . . . . .

INVOCATION . . . . . .

SCRIPTURE . . . . . .

PRAYER . . . . . Reverend Willie Randolph

SELECTION . . . . . *"Walk With Me Lord"*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS AND TELEGRAMS . . . . . .

REMARKS (3 min.) . . . . . Family and Friends

OBITUARY . . . . . Bobbye Byrd

READING . . . . . Parrish Askew

SELECTION . . . . . *"Precious Lord"*

REMARKS (3 min.) . . . . . Ministers

EULOGY . . . . . Reverend Barnes

REVIEWAL . . . . . .

BENEDICTION . . . . . .

RECESSIONAL . . . . . .

-Interment-
Oakridge Cemetery
Following Service

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Beyond Life's Gateway

There's an open gate at the end of the road,
Through which each must go alone.
And there in a light, we cannot see our Father claims His own.
Beyond the gate your loved one finds, happiness and rest.
And there is comfort in the thought,
That a loving God knows best.
Happy, Happy Birthday Mommy!
Love, Leonard, Shirley and Vera

God Knows Best

Our Father knows what's best for us, so why should we complain.
We always want sunshine, but He knows there must be rain.
We loved the sound of her laughter, and the merriment of cheer.
But our hearts would lose their tenderness,
If we never shed a tear.
Our Father tests us often with suffering and with sorrow,
He tests us not to punish us, but to help us meet tomorrow.
For growing trees are strengthened when they withstand the storm,
And the sharp cut of the chisel gives the marble grace and form.
God never hurts us needlessly and He never wastes our pain;
For every loss He sends to us is followed by rich gain.
When we count the blessings that God has so freely sent;
We will find no cause for murmuring and no time to lament.
For our Father loves His children and to Him all things are plain,
So He never sends us pleasure when the soul's deep need is pain.
So whenever we are troubled and when everything goes wrong.
It is just God working in us to make our Spirits strong.
-The Randolph Family-

Goodbye yesterday, because I can't take you with me
For I must live for today.
I've been shown the wonders of life,
And have seen the path on which you made your way.
Your beacon was bright from the rays of joy
That shined from within,
And with God's blessing we shall be united again.
Love, Parrish

Acknowledgement

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for the many acts of kindness shown to them
during their hour of bereavement.

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